

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of S.J., C.J., Y.H., and S.S., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

SHEILA DARLING,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

GALEN PEREZ HAWKINS and SEAN SMITH,

Respondents.

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No. 235768

Kent Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 99-068800-NA

Before: Talbot, P.J., and Cooper and D. P. Ryan*, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i) and (g). We affirm. This appeal is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, because at least one statutory ground for termination was established, the trial court was required to terminate respondent's parental rights unless the trial court found that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Based on the evidence presented, the trial court's finding regarding the child's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *Trejo, supra*.

* Circuit judge, sitting on the Court of Appeals by assignment.

Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael J. Talbot

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper

/s/ Daniel P. Ryan